



Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention

HIV/STD Clinical Resources Division
HIV/STD Epidemiology Division
HIV/STD Health Resources Division

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ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSEMBLIES

PURPOSE

With this policy the Texas Department of Health (TDH), Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention (Bureau), establishes "Assemblies" as the entities to fulfill requirements of "consortia" in Texas as required by the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act. The CARE Act requires the State of Texas to establish and operate HIV care consortia within areas most affected by HIV disease that shall be designed to provide a comprehensive continuum of care to individuals and families with HIV disease. It is the purpose of Assemblies to plan for the provision of services funded through the Texas Department of Health (TDH) including federal and state funds for the counties within HIV Service Delivery Areas (HSDA) as designated by the Bureau.

BACKGROUND

In June 2000, the TDH announced its intention to restructure HIV services planning bodies in the state of Texas, formerly known as consortia. This restructure has created the need for the revision of existing policies and the creation of new policies to serve as guidance to the new services planning bodies. These policies are intended to provide community members with guidelines for implementing the new area-wide planning body, which will be referred to as the "Assembly."

AUTHORITY

Title II of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990 and CARE Act Amendments of 1996 and 2000; V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code, Chapter 85, Subchapter B; Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 98, Subchapter A.

DEFINITIONS APPLIED TO BUREAU POLICY

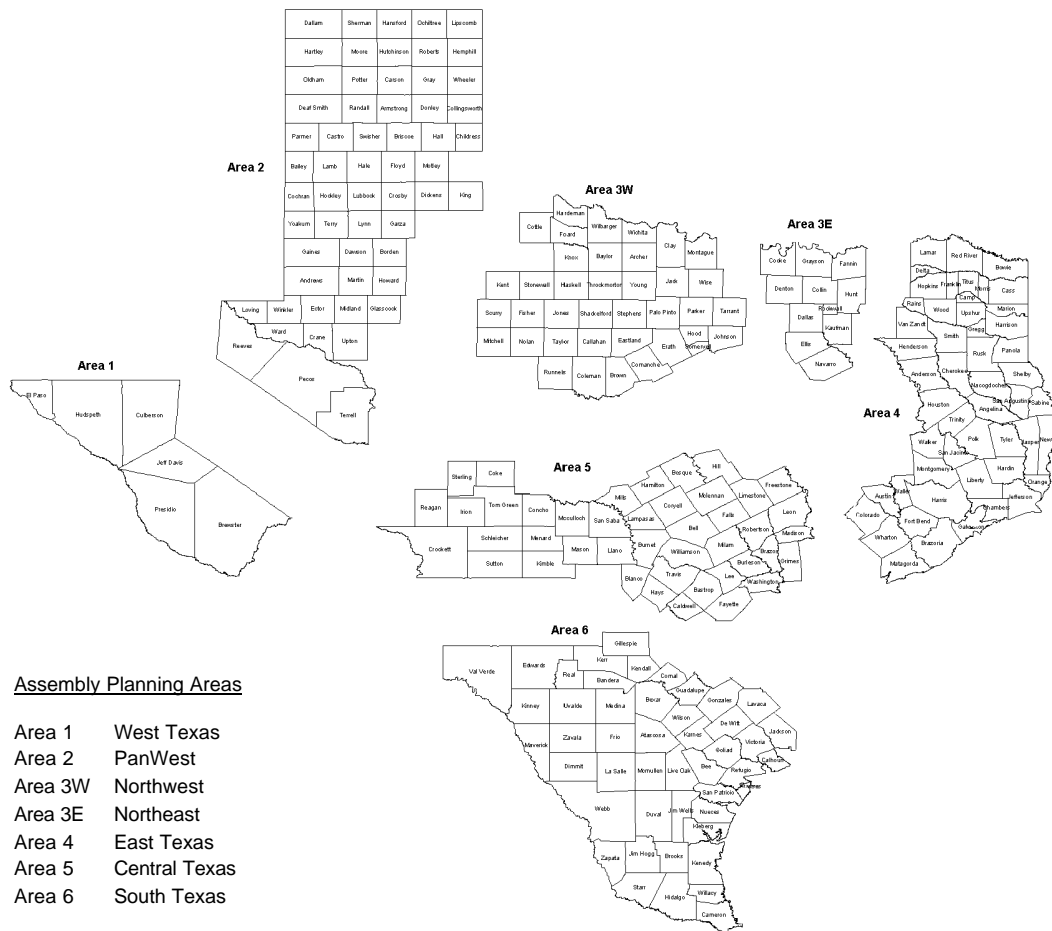
Assembly	A planning entity established by TDH to plan, prioritize and categorically allocate funding for HIV services for the service areas established by TDH.
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ASSEMBLIES

The Bureau recognizes seven Assemblies located throughout the state. The Assembly is responsible for functions defined by the Bureau. Assemblies are responsible for planning, prioritizing and categorically allocating federal and state funding distributed through the TDH. Each Assembly must represent the interests of individuals infected with and families affected by HIV/STD disease who reside in any county located within the geographical service area designated by the Bureau. The number of service areas

is equal to the number of Assemblies in the state and encompass every county in the State of Texas. These geographical service areas are hereby referred to as Area1, Area2, Area3W, Area3E, Area4, Area5, and Area6 (see figure 1). Within each service area there may be smaller areas of specific concern for which funding must be allocated to meet the needs of the people who reside within these areas. These smaller areas are known as HIV Service Delivery Areas (HSDAs).

Figure 1



WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TEXAS ASSEMBLIES

Persons or organizations who have questions about the designation of Assemblies may call the HIV/STD Health Resources Division, Planning Branch, at (512) 490-2515 or write to:

Texas Department of Health
HIV/STD Health Resources Division, Planning Branch
1100 W. 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756-3199

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REVISIONS

Page 1, line 41	added "infected" after "interests of individuals"
Page 1, line 42	added "and families affected by" before "HIV/STD"
Page 1, line 42	changed the word "infection" to "disease" after "HIV/STD"
Page 2, line 5	changed the word "individuals" to "people" after "meet the needs of the" and before "who reside within"